## NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER IMPROVEMENTS. A BILL APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 PASSED BY THE

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- In the Senate to-day Mr. Mitchell presented a petition from citizens of Phila-delphia asking protection of all citizens in the right to vote. This petition, Mr. Mitchell said, had come to him with a letter from Miss Susan B. Anthony, which letter he

would attach to the petition.

Mr. Van Wyck, from the Committee on Improvement of the Mississippi River, reported a joint resolution making an immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the continnance of the work of improvement already entered upon

by the Mississippi River Commission. Mr. Hoar inquired whether this appropriation pro seeded on the theory of improving the river itself or of preserving the lands from overflow. Mr. Hoar favored a liberal appropriation for the improvement of the river in secordance with the view of Congress, but thought it should appear which of the two theories the appropria-

tion proceeded upon.

Mr. Dawes thought it would be better to make the appropriation take the form of a bill. Mr. Plumb inquired how much money was to be appro

priated for this purpose during the current year. Mr. Jones explained that the Commission having the Improvements in charge has asked for an appropriation of \$3,500,000 to carry on the work, provided the work is limited to the two reaches on which it has been engaged for the

on which it has been engaged for the past two years. If the New-Madrid section were taken in, 1,000,000 more would be asked for. A large amount of valuable phant has been collected along the river and is exposed to danger of sections injury unless the present request of the River Commission be compiled with.

Mr. Plumb had no doubt that this question of the Mississippi improvement would finally result in the building of levees, and if levees be built they can only be maintained in one way, namely, by traversing , hom by a railroad. It was capable of demonstration that a railroad could be built along the bunk of the river, and he believed this method would prove to be the only practicable method of keeping the leveesd in repair, and this railroad would at the same time greatly increase the the transportation facilities of the Mississippi Valley.

Mr. Platt objected to the harried passage of any act appropriating any such sun of money as was appropriated by this measure. Not that he objected to the impropriation that it is case, but a measure which senators had not had an opportunity to examine should not be pressed to an immediate vote—it was a dangerous way of appropriating money.

Mr. Miller, of New-York, moved to amend the resolution

priating money.

Mr. Miller, of New-York, moved to amend the resolution by the addition of the words "provided that the money hereby appropriated shall be used solely for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River, and no part thereof shall be expended with the view to the improvement of private property." With this amendment, and the change of the measure from a joint resolution to a bill, it was passed. bill, it was passed

THE PENSION APPROPRIATION BILL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.-The Pension Appropriation bill will, th all probability, he the first of the regular appropriation bills reported to the House. Mr. Holman, of Ihdians, and Mr. Follet, of Ohio, met to-day and prepared a bill watch they will report to the full cammittee on Monday and which they think will reach cannotite on Monday and which they think will reach the House the same day. The bill as agreed upon pro-vides for the reappropriation of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1983, amounting in round numbers to \$33,000 000, the balance of the appropriation for the present fiscal year which will remain unexpended at the close of the year (estimated at \$25,000,000) and of a fresh appropriation of \$15,000,000, making in all \$80,000,000.

PROTECTION FOR AMERICAN EXPORTERS. Washington, Jan. 11 .- In the Senate to-day Mr. Anthony's resolution of January 9, instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquiry into the expediency of such legislation as should enable the Executive to protect American interests against those Govern ments which have prohibited or restrained the importation of healthful meats from the United States, was taken op and Mr. Van Wyck moved to amend it by adding the words: "Except such Governments whose manufactured goods or products were previously restrained or prohibited from free access to our ports." Mr. Van Wyck was proceeding to explain the purport of his amendment when the morning hour expired and the matter went over.

THE SENATE PRESIDENCY.

Washington, Jan. 11 .- A Committee repre senting the Senate Republican cancus, held a brief con-sultation with Senator Authory this afternoon in relation to the presidency pro tem of the Senate. Senate.

Anthony said in substance that he should be compelled to decline the proposed honer, believing it inexpedient in the present state of his health to undertake the duties of his office.

WORK OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEES. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- At a meeting of the House Committee on the Judiciary to-day, Messrs. and Bullett, of New-York, made an argument against the transfer of the consideration of the Northern Pacific land grant forfeiture from the Committee on the Judiciary to the Committee on Public Lands. The gentlemen argued that the question is a legal one, and not one of public policy or equity. A sub-committee is expected to report ferred to the Committee on Public Lands. A bill for reorganizing Utah Territory under a commission was by a vote of 9 to 6 sent to the Committee on Territories. It has been intimated that the Committee on Territories is unfavorable to the measure. Representative Morse's bill providing for the purchase of patented ballot boxes, at \$25 each, for precincts at the election of Congressmen, was neted upon unfavorably, Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, appeared before the committee in behalf of his bill fixing the salaries of United States District-Attorneys and United States Marshals. Sub. committees on bankruptey, woman suffrage, bigatny, civil rights, modification of the veto power of the Presi-

dent, and the Presidential succession were appointed.

The Committee on Public Lands decided to day to consider the land grant forfeiture bills in the following order: Texas Pacific, Oregon Central, Ontonagon and State Line, California and Gregon, Oregon and Califor-nia, Northern Pacific, Atlantic and Pacific, Southern Pacific of California, New-Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg, Atlantic, Gulf and W. I. T., Pensacola and Georgia, Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central, Mobile and Girard, Selma, Rome and Dalton, Vicksburg, Shrave port and Texas, Sioux City and St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha, and Wisconsin Central. The Texas Pacific grant, which is to be con ered first, was originally made to the Texus Pacific Raffroad Company, and is now claimed by the Southern Pacific. The land amounted to 14,000,000 acres, and is

estimated to be worth \$40,000,000.

The Committee on Commerce decided to-day to bear arguments on January 24, 25 and 26 from any persons desiring to be heard against the pending bills for the regulation of inter-State commerce, and arguments in favor of such bills on January 28, 29 and 30; after which no public hearing will be had without the unanimous con-

sent of the committee. The Committee on War Claims to-day referred 110 cases to the various members of the committee for considera-tion. Six hundred and ninety bills and petitions have been referred to the committee, and the members expect that about 5,000 will be referred by the end of the ses-

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors to-day referred the subject of an immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi River to a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Blanchard, Gibson and

The Committee on Railways and Canals determined this morning to consider all matters before it in fall committee. Mr. Murphy, of lowa, at the request of members, gave a history of the Hennepin Canal. Mr. Hochizell, of Maryland, gave a history of the proposed Maryland and Dela-

land, gave a history of the proposed Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal. Both propositions are to be considered at an early day by the committee. Mr. Wemple is considering the propriety of introducing a bill in the flouise providing for an appropriation for the permanent improvement of the Eric Canal.

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads this morning authorized Mr. Money to report to the House favorable action on the bill making all public roads and highways post routes and giving the Postmaster-General power to establish postal service whenever in his judgment the public welfare required it. The bills of Messra Anderson and Sumner, relative to the postal telegraph, were referred to the sub-committee having in charge that subject.

NEW SENATE BILLS.

Washington, Jan. 11.-The following bills

were introduced in the Senate to-day: By Mr. Call-To establish a university of medicine; miso-To provide for the establishment of a system of postal savings banks. [The bill first named appropriates \$1,000,000 as a perpetual endowment, the interest of which shall be paid for sataries of professors and cost of experiments; and \$100,000 additional for the purchase experiments; and \$100,000 additional for the purchase of grounds and erection of suitable buildings. Allopathic, homeopathic, and celectic methods are all to be represented by professorships. The bull requires the Postmaster General to establish postal savings banks at all post offices where the receipts equal the sum of \$1,000 annually. Deposits may be received of all sums ander \$100, the payment of which on demand is guaranteed by the Government.

By Mr. Edmunds-For the relief of the survivors of the exploring steamer Jeannette and the widows and children of those who perished in the retreat from the wreck. [Mr. Edmunds said he had been opposed to the sending forth the Jeannette expedition in the first place, and had prophesied that the Government would be obliged to send another expedition to recover the survivors of that expe. dition. He had long been of the opinion that the advantages to science are altogether incommensurate with the degree of risk and exposure of the crave men who undertake these expeditions. But this was un dertaken under the auspices of the United States and Mr.

Edmunds throught every reparation in the power of the Government should be made to the surviving sufferers and the families of those who perished. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to Chief Engineer Melville and Lleutenant Danenhower \$1,000 each, to Raymond L. Newcomb, usturalist; John Cole, acting boats wain; W. T. C. Nindermann and James H. Hartlett, seamen, \$600 each, and to the remaining survivors \$300 each. It also authorizes the payment of a sum equal to one year's salary of each of the deceased members of the Jeannette expedition and crew to their respective heirs. The bill was accompanied by a letter from the Secretary of the Navy recommending its passage.]

A resolution offered by Mr. Call was agreed to, instructing the Secretary of the Interior to furnish to the Senate copies of all letters, statements and other papers in the possession of the Department, relating to the grant of lend made by the United States to the Florida Railroad, or relating to the servation of any of said lands for the benefit of assignces of said road.

CONFIRMATIONS BY THE SENATE. Washington, Jan. 11 .- The Senate in excutive session to-day confirmed the following no

Nathaniel Clark, of Michigan, to be Register of the and Office at Reed City, Mich. Frank H. Mason, to be United States Consul at Marsellies.

Joseph E. Jones, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Appraiser, district of Boston and Charlestown, Mass.

Samuel W. Ferguson, of Mississippi, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission, vice James B. Eads, restand. Robert J. Stephens to be United States Consul at

nieruso. George Gifford, to be United States Consul at Basic, Bollvar J. Pridgen to be United States Consul at Piedns Negras.
William H. Brown, of Kansas, to be Register of of the
And Office, Larned, Kan.
Harwell P. Myton to be Register of the Land Office,
Jarden City, Kan. to Is Patchen to be Register of the Land Office,

J. Harsington to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Garden City, Kan.
Stevison J. Erown, of New-York, to be a professor of
mathematics in the Navy.
Also a number of postmasters.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Washington, Jan. 11.-The leave of absence n Surgeon's certificate of disability granted Second Lieuon Surgeon's certificate of disability granted second Leu-tenant John T. Barnett, 5th Cavalry, has been extended six months on account of disability. An Army Retiring Board will convene at the call of the President thereof (Colonel II. G. Gibson, 5th Artillery, at St. Francis Bar-racks, St. Augustine, Florida, for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it.

A UNITED STATES TUG SUNK. Washington, Jan. 11.-The force pump in be United States tag Mayflower at the Washington Navy Yard burst Wednesday evening and the vessel sunk. She now lies with only her smokestack and pilot-house ex-

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. Wasmington, Jan. 11.—Assistant-Engineer Villiam N. Little has been ordered to the New-York Navy William N. Little has been ordered to the New-York Navy Yard; Assistant-Engineer J. W. Wood to the Washington Navy Yard; Lieutenant A. V. Wadhams has been detached from duty on the coast survey. 30th inst., and ordered to instruction in ordunnee at the Washington Navy Yard; Passed Assistant-Engineer J. H. Perry f rom special duty at Newport, R. I., and ordered to the New-York Navy Yard. Captale Henry Wilson has been granted six months' leave of absence. Lieutenant C. L. Brans, who failed to pass the required examination for promotion, has been ordered before the Retiring Beard.

The Speedwell has left Norfolk for New-York.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Washington, Friday, Jan. 11, 1884. LAND EXTRIES HELD FOR CANCELLATION. - Upon reports of special agents showing fraud in the entries, the Com-missioner of the General Land Office has held for cancel-lation during the past week three entries of public lands in California, thirty-six in Colorado, nine in Dakota, thirty-two in New-Mexico and one in Minnesota—a total deighty-one cutries.

AN EUROR CORRECTED.—The Commissioner of the Gen eral Land Office reports that in the recent letter concerning the Kansas kind grants the number of aeres patented to the Ateuson, Fopeka and Sante Fé Raffrond in excess of the le nt allowanco should have been 73,350 acres instead of 60,180.

STONE CONTRACT FOR THE BUFFALO PUBLIC BUILDING. The contract for furnishing cut stone for the superstructure of the new public building at Ruffalo has been awarded to M A. Metiowan, of Washington, at his bit of \$82,100, with the understanding that he furnish buff RS2,100, with the understateding that he furnish bun Amberst stone similar to that used in the basement exten-

PROPABLE CALL FOR BONDS .- The Secretary of the Treasury will probably issue a call for \$10,000,000 three per cent bonds to-marrow. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TO BE REVISED. Secretary Folger has directed a revision to be made of the customs regulations issued in 1874, with a view to the preparation of a new set of regulations more in accordance with the

DUTY ON SILK WARPS.—The Secretary of the Treasury has made a decision that slik warps shall pay a duty of thirty per cent ad valorem, under the provisions of the new tariff relating to span slik, and not a duty as manufactures of slik at flity per cent ad valorem. ROUTINE CARINET WORK.—All the members were

present at the Cabinet meeting to-day. Considerable routine business was transacted, but no questions of im-pertance were considered.

ELEVATED RAILWAY TAXATION.

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Mayor Edson in his message mentions the fact that taxes amounting to \$2.286.836 32 were assessed upon the capital stock and structures of the elevated railroad companies of this city from 1879 to 1883 inclusive. With interest the claim amounts to more than \$2.500,000.

Corporation Conneal Andrews said yesterday that the question at issue between the elevated railroads and the city was as to the amount of taxes to be assessed. The Court of Appeals has already decided that the structures can be taxed as real estate. The Manhattan Company says that the structures are taxed to their full value, while other real estate is only taxed to the amount of 60 per cent of its market value. Some time ago a suit was brought in the United States Circuit Court by two stackholders of the Manhattan Company promed Fairbairne and Shelding, residents of Newdersey, to restrain the directors of the Manhattan Company from paying the taxes levied on the elevated railroads by the Fax Commissioners. This was believed by the Corporation Counsel to be a bogus suit, really brought by the Manhattan Company in the name of the two stockholders, because the directors believed that they stood a better chance of success in the United States Court than in a State court. Mr. Andrews and James C. Carter opposed the suit in behalf of the city. The Manhattan Company based its defence in good part on the decision given by Judge Field, or the United States Supreme Court, in the case of the San Mateo Railway Company, of California, that a corporation, like an individual, hada right to deduct its debts from the total valuation of the property to be taxed. The case was referred to a master, and at hearings lasting more than a year a large amount of testimony was taken. Judge Wallace finally decided that the United States Courts had no jurisdiction in the matter. A suit was then begun in the sater. A soft was the begun in the State Supreme Court by the Manhattan Com

Vice-President Gallaway, of the Manhattan Rail-Vice-President Gallaway, of the Mannattan Ran-way, said that the company considered the taxes unjust and illegal, and would contest the payment of them to the last extremity. The taxes were both real and personal and for several years. The amount had been correct y stated in the Mayor's message, but as to the particular state of the litiga-tion Mr. Gallaway said that he could not give exact programation.

## HOW THE BITER WAS BITTEN.

MR. THERE BORROWS MONEY FROM THE "FUNCO STEERERS"-THE MEN DISCHARGED. Justice Smith, in the Tombs Police Court yesterday, conducted the examination in the case of Charles Garcie, alias "Spanish Dick," and Robers Martin alias "Keester Bob," who, on December 28, played the confidence game on Sannel D, Tilden, of Hartford, Conn. The "bunco steerers" were represented by Colonel Charles S. Seeneer. played the confidence game on Sanniel D. Filden, of Hartford, Conn. The "bunco steerers" were represented by Colonel Charles S. Spencer, who cross-examined Mr. Tilden at some length, and when he had finished the case assumed an entirely different aspect. It appeared that instead of Mr. Tilden being the victim of the confidence game, "Keester Bob" had the right to tha distinction, as he had lost \$5 in the transaction. After Mr. Tilden had lost all his money (\$15 he borrowed \$5 to continue playing; when he had lost that also he wrote a check on Robert P. Bissell & Co., bankers, of Harriord, for \$2.950—the sum to which he had become a debtor in the game. Before leaving the house he secured \$20 from the dealer, for which he gave another check.

In closing the cross-examination Colonel Spencer asked the complainant if he had a large sum on deposit with the bankers on whom he had drawn the check.

"No; not very," replied Mr. Tilden.

"No; not very," replied Mr. Tilden.
"Is there a thousand dollars to your credit \$7

"Then, have you five hundred?"

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"I cannot say that I have."

"Well, one hundred!"

"I have nearly that much with Bissell & Co., "replied the complainant.

Justice Smith remarked that as the checks were of no vame, there had been no larceny of money as charged, and accordingly he dismissed the complaint and discharged the prisoners.

Affecting a tone of indignation. Colonel Spencer said: "Your Honor, my poor client is out \$5 by this; isn't be entitled to it?" But the confidence men had vanished, and did not hear the reply by Mr. Tilden that if the bank president's son would return to his home in Hartford and make a demand for the money it would be cheerfully refunded.

BUFFALO.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL-MR. MAHONEYS AC-COUNTS-VARIOUS TOPICS. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BUFFALO, Jan. 11 .- The musical festival to be given in this city this year has now been placed in a position where active work can at once begin. The presence during the week of Theodore Thomas permitted the arrangement of a programme, and rehearsals of the chorus have been called for next week. Among the works to be performed are Handel's "Jubilate," selections from the Wagner operas, the "Elijah," Rossin's "Stabat Ma-ter," and a variety of shorter compositions for the matinee concerts. The cherus will number about 500 voices. The solo singer, whose name has thus far been kept secret, is now announced to be Nilsson. Emma Juch has also been added to the list of singers before published. The guarantee fund has now reached \$22,000, and the interest manifested by the public and the chorus will result it is believed, in a marked financial and musical success. The local theatres have done a large business this week,

n spite of the continued inclemency of the weather. Miss Fanny Davenport has filled one house by her extraordinary performance of "Fedora." M. B. Curtls has presented bis absurd "Sam'l of Posen" to large sudlenees at another; and the Thomas orchestra attracted a large and cultivated A settlement was effected this week between Mr. Ma

honey, the retiring City Controller, and Mr. Barnard, his successor, by the transfer to the latter of \$20,27214. The expert who has been examining Mr. Mahoney's books reports that this sum is exactly what he ought to turn over with his office, and that his accounts are in every way correct. Mr. Mahoney has been rendered nearly inway correct. Mr. Mahoney has been rendered nearly insane by a belief that he was suspected of having managed
his office dishonestly, and has even been suspected of
attempted sulcide. The expert report only shows, however, that the office has been managed in a different way
from that which the law contemplated. It was intended
that the Controller should not handle any money; but instead of this he has become a sort of second Treasurer,
and holds large amounts of money independent of
the Treasurer. A lack of system has prevailed, for
which no one officer seems to have been responsible. The
expert is now preparing a set of books for the new Controller which will show at any time just how much he
owes the city. owes the city.

A vigorous attempt is being made to secure an increas in the number of letter carriers in this city, as the present force is inadequate to the growing demands of business. Matthew Arnold delivers a lecture here to-morrow ing, and will have a large audience.

Receiver Elisha T. Smith of the wrecked First National Bank has resigned, on account of ill-health. Hugh Young, Stational Bank examiner, is here to take charge until a new receiver is appointed.

## ALBANY.

THE PENITENTIARY-A PROTECTION CLUB-MEETINGS.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Jan. 11 .- The Albany Penitentiary lays claim to the distinction of being the best conducted nal institution in the country. Its annual report shows that it has been self-sustaining and turned a surplus into the County Treasury every year but one since 1851. In 1858 there was a deficit of \$10,000. In 1877 its accounts showed a surplus of \$50,000. Since 1849 it has met expenses, disbursed nearly \$200,000 on building additions. and still had an income of \$350,000 over all expenses. During the period 42,848 persons have been taken care of Of these 35,500 confessed that they were intemperate. 25,400 were single, and 24,500 could read and write.

The formation of the Free Trade Club here has led to some discussion of a project for the formation of a Protection Club also. The idea is understood to have crisinated with Robert P. Porter, secretary of the late Tariff Commission. The purpose is to enlist the same social forces in the interest of Protection which have been successfully employed by the Free Traders, and to organize Protection clubs in all the cities where Free Trade associations have been formed.

The meetings of the State Bar Association and of the Board of Regents during the week have brought a num-ber of men of State prominence to the capital. Owing to the illness of Chancellor Pierson, he has been unable to give the customary reception to the Board. Mr. Pierson as passed the critical point in his illness, pneumonia, but still feble. The attendance at the meeting of the State Bar Association was smaller than usual.

Dr. Murray, secretary of the Board of Regents, gave the usual reception to the Regents on Thursday evening. Many prominent State officers and members of the Legis-

David Dudley Field, who was deputed to urge the Court of Appeals Judges to adopt black gowns, is understood to have been more successful than was unticipated, and the judges, it is said, will appear in robes before the close of the year.

fortnightly assembly at Bleecker Hall on Thursday, and a reception by Judge and Mrs. William Learned on Friday. Half a dozen dimers have been given in honor of individual members of the Legislature.

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The Citizens' Association and Committee of Thirteen are performing valuable work in the interest of retremehment during the present session of the Board of Superstoors. Its legal counsel have warned the Board that insidements by the Grand Jury will follow votes for illegal appropriations, and the warning has been universally needed. The Board will petition the Legislature for an enlargement of the Hadson River state Hospiral in order to provide for the chronic insane of Eastern New-York.

Controller chapin will not appoint a successor to the late Deputy Controller Gallien before the end of next week.

week.

The funeral of Deputy Controller Gallien will take place on sunday. Flags on public buildings are at builf-mast. To-day the State Departments held a meeting to take action on Mr. Gallien's death. Ex-Controller Frederick P. Olcott predded and delivered a brief enlogy. Letters were received from ex-Controllers Lucius Robinson, James Hale, Thomas Hilliouse, N. K. Hopkins and James W. Wadsworth.

Assemblyman Howe and Montgomery Throop, author of several codes and of a revision of the statutes of the State for the last thirty or forty years, are next door neighbors. To this fact is attributed Mr. Howe's refusal of the tender of the chairmanship of the Assembly Judiciary Committee Mr. Taroop is an earnest codifier and a strenuous advocate of his revision. ---

## SYRACUSE.

DR. GREELEY'S ARREST-PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TOPICS.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) SYRACUSE, Jan. 11 .- Dr. George H. Greeley,

who was arrested in New-York last week, charged with forgery, gave ball on Tuesday, and at once returned to New-York. It is understood that his brother has agreed to settle all claims against Dr. Greeley. Before the docter started for New-York his divorced wife made an attempt to obtain an interview with him, but he refused to The contest in the Granger will case was resumed on

hursday. Mrs General Granger died sometime ago, at an advanced age, and left the bulk of her large fortune to General E. W. Leavenworth, who managed her estate during her life. Her heirs are contesting the will.

The term of Colonel A. C. Chase as postmaster of Syra cuse expires in February, and it is expected that the President will nominate a postmaster for this city on January 20. Congressman Hiscock has agreed to recommend for the appointment the present Deputy Postmaster, James M. Gilbert. Mr. Glibert has had the practical anagement of the post-office for the past six years, and his appointment is recommended by leading Republicans on the ground of his efficiency.

Licutement John P. Augur, who escaped from Bloomingdale Asylum, and who died in the street on Tuesday night, was formerly engaged to Musa Sally Emory, daughter of General Emory, of Washington. The arrangements for the wedding were all completed when Lieutenant Augur became insane. Last summer he visited the Emorys in this city and spent some time at their summer cottage at Cazenovia.

The Rev. Dr. Nelson Millard, pastor of the First Presby terian Church in this city, who has accepted a call to the Broadway Church in Norwich, Conn., preaches his farewell sermon on Sunday. Dr. Millard has been paster of the First Presbyterian Church for the last eleven years. For some time the church in Syraouse has been divided against itself, there being a Millard and an anti-Millard party. The elder members seemed to be auxious to let Dr. Millard go, while the younger members were anxious to retain his services.

President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, stated before he left Syracuse to attend Herr Lasker's funeral, that he was goins to attend the funeral of Bismarck's bitterest enemy. President White formed the acquaintance of Herr Lusker in Germany, and entertained a high opinion of him. Judge Irving G. Vann, of the Supreme Court, gave

banquet last evening in honor of Chief Judge Euger and Associate Judge Andrews of the Court of Appeals. There vere present Justices Smith, Harden and Buker, and Justice-elect George H. Kennedy, of the Supreme Court, and County Judge A. J. Northrup of this city. The marriage of Frederick W. Kenyon, of New-York, and Miss McDongall, of this city, took place at the Fourth Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening. E. B. Judson,

jr., was best man, and Miss Jessie Kenyon bridesmaid. The groom is a young man of high standing both in bust- | ductor.

NEWS FROM STATE CENTRES. | news and social circles. The newly married couple will live in New-York.

To-day was the seventieth birthdey of E. B. Judson, president of the First National Bank, and the employes of the bank this morning decorated his desk with flowers and sunlax. He received also from the clerks a basket of flowers.

TROY.

EXTORTIONATE BILLS-A NEW PASTOR-STRIKING PRINTERS.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Troy, Jan. 11 .- The reigning sensation in Troy is the spirited attack by the Citizens' Association on extertionate bills against the county and city. The Citi zens' Association includes the largest taxpayers in the county, both Republicans and Democrats, and when it The chief begins work it means business. scandal is from the bills of the Sheriff and deputy-aberiff. The County Treasurer has been enjoined from paying them. The Sheriff's bill, which is about \$22,000 for the year, is said to include illegal charges for work performed by prisoners, and an excessive rate for board-as much for mush and molasses a the best table board would cost. The deputy-sheriffs' bills have been complained of for years. It was said last year that the travelling expenses of deputy-sheriffs to the Ryan-Sullivan prize-fight at New-Orleans were paid as mileage by the county. Unsigned bench warrants have been filled in, fletitious processes used and false vouchers employed. Officials of whose public work, except in connection with cockfights, the townspeople have heard nothing, have bills amounting in instances to nearly \$1,000. Sheriff Rey noids offers to wager he will collect every dollar of his bill, and has retained eminent counsel. At the suggestion of the Troy Times, the Association will also examine the printing bills. Official circles are agitated, the public is aroused, and The Troy Press (Democratic) feebly endeavers to impeach the Association.

The first recention of the season was given Monday vening, at the home of William H. Young, who is one of the oldest booksellers in the State and has been a halfcentury in the book trade in Troy.

The fashionable wedding of the week was that of John T. Birge, a New-York forwarder, to Miss Carrie Raymond, of Troy.

The First Presbyterian Church is alive with expectation of the coming of its new pastor, C. Anderson, of O-hkosh, Wis., who has a creed wide enough to make him an acceptable su cessor to Dr. Webber. The church has only had four pastors in 100 years.

The Troy Times has come through the flery trial of a The Troy These has come through no assuments, and there is not a smell of fire on its garments. Twenty-one compositors went out without a moments warning a week ago. Not one has been taken back; and yet there was not an edition missed or delayed. The composing-room is fully equipped, and everything moves like clockwork. The strike has been the occasion of many expressions that show the growing feeling in the public mind against the tyranny of unions and the slavery of unionists.

ROCHESTER.

THE HEBREW RITUAL-A SERMON ON THEA-TRES-HEAVY SNOW.

INVITELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 11.—The Hebrew religious ociety of this city, which is a wealthy and powerfu organization, has had on trial for several weeks a ritual for church service in English; and on Sunday next it will be decided by a vote of the congregation whether the new ritual will be made permanent, or whether it wild return to the Hebrew language. The Rev. Dr. Max Landsberg one of the leading American rabbia, is at the head of the ongregation, and the principal mover in the new reform. He is a man of advanced and liberal ideas, and bring forcible arguments to bear in favor of the change, clair ing that the Hebrows are a progressive race, and that they should worship in a living and not a dead language which many do not understand Dr. Landsberg says: "I have the satisfaction of being told by one of my most scholarly colleagues in the East that this ritual wil some day be one stone of the foundation on which a ritual for all our people in this country will be built up.

A sermon presched last Sunday by the Rev. Newton M. Mann, of the Unitarian Church, on the theatre, has occasioned considerable comment, and is generally considered a remarkable essay on this subject. He claimed that the theatre was a legitimate claimed that the theatre was a legitimate the child of the church, which had anysed and fostered it for centuries, but which turned its back upon its offspring as seen as it passed into e seedlar hands. The relation of the church to the theatre is the same which the charch hears to other social and educational institutions. The theatre is a permanent feature of our civilization, which has come to stay. The church cannot abolish it and tols to the case, is it not its duty to elevate it? The thing to do, he maintains, is for good people to be come themselves the purrons of the theatre, when it will be quite in their power to make it as fit a place for a Christian as is his caurch. A large number of theatrest people listened to the discourse.

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NEW WATER WORKS-THE "BLIZZARD"-BUCKLEY AND CO.'S FAILURE.

' IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. movement some time ago for new water works, which should be owned and controlled by the city. The present water works are owned by a private corporation. The apply is inadequate, and depends largely on surface are obliged to economize in the use of water, and water rates are so high that not over half the people can afford to take it. Mills and large corporations set what they need mainly from other sources. Engineer Campbell, made the necessary surveys, at an expense of several thousand dollars. His report has been submitted. He proposes to bring water from West Canada Creek, a distance of nine miles, at an ex-pense of from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. After the surveys were made a semple of water from the creek was sent to Dr. Ducke of the Utica State Asylum, for analysis. He found it contained a large amount of organic matter, and declared it was unfit for drinking purposes. This report was handed to the Mayor, and has never been given to the public, except as its substance was afterward stated by Dr. Ducke. Water from the creek was afterward sent to Professor Chandler for analysis. While he does not state in his report that the water is unfit for drinking purposes, he says, "the result of analysis is not entirely satisfactory." The city now pays for water for city use \$16,000; and the contract, which was made by the Common Council with the Water Works Company in 1869, is without limit as to time. The company claims that the city has no relief from it, and when the city refused to longer pay that amount, the company appealed to the courts and succeeded. The proposition to construct city water works probably will be left to a vote of citizens.

The week in Utlea opened with a heavy snow storm, and blds feir to close with one. A "blizzard" has been raging all the week and Utlea is more pent up than ever. The street our lines are blocked and steam roads run at tregular intervals and but little business has been done.

The event of the week has been the failure of Ruckley & Co. For eleven years this firm has been doing an extensive retail dry goods business on small capital. It was conducted principally on eredit, the firm buying on three and four months time, and selling on six. Buckley succeeded D. N. Golden, and was clerk in the latter's store. Golden's money remained in the store after his death, and business/wasearded on more extensively than ever. But Mrs. Golden's death compelled the withdrawal of her husband's money. The firm reorganized, and soon after H. W. Meyers, a new partner, died, and his interest was withdrawn. A. J. Meintosh then became the firm's backer; but just before the holidays the importunities of the smaler creditors and the failure to collect January bills brought on the crash. Beekbay has done much for Utlea in a business way, and the failure is generally regretted. It is thought probable that some arrangement will be made for the business to be continued. The event of the week has been the failure of Ruckley

A GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR THE CARDINAL. PIPTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION AS

PRIETIT ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION AS PRIEST TO BE OBSERVED TO-DAY.

The fiftieth anniversary of Cardinal McCloskey's ordination as a priest will be celebrated to-day with a "golden jubilee," in St. Patrick's Cathedral, in Fifth-ave., by the bishops of the Cardinal's province and the clergy and laity of the diocese. At 10:30 a, m. a pontincal high mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral, with Bishop Loughlin, of Brooklyn, as celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Father Dounelly, of St. Michael's Church; the Rev. Father Dounelly, of St. Michael's Church; the Rev. Father Edwards, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Toward the close of the mass the Cardinal will enter the samethary and attended by Monsignors Quina and Preston, and will take his place on the throne, from which he will pronounce the final benediction. Bishop Loughlin will read an address to the Cardinal appropriate to the occasion, in behalf of the bishops of the province. Monsignor Quina will read an address from the clergy of the diocese and John E. Develin will read one for the lairy of the diocese. The following programme of music will be carried out; Grand mass in E flat for solo, chorus and organ by Alexander Guilmant; Offertory, "Ave Verum," in five parts, by Gounod; "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus," sung by the chancel choir under the direction of the Rev. A. Lammel; the "Te Deum," sung by both choirs. The solo singers will be Miss Martinez, seprano; Mrs. Ford, alto; Mr. Lenoir, tenor; and Mr. Steinbush, bass. There will be a full chorus and William P. Pecher, the Cathedral organist, will act as conductor. PRIEST TO BE OBSERVED TO-DAY. PENALTIES FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Section 9 .- Any officer or employe of the city, or person

unbalanced bid" system in all the departments of the New-York City Government; in the De-partment of Public Works, as well as other departments. The bill, Schator McCarthy states, thoroughly reorganizes the contract system in New-York. It is said to have been drawn up by John H. Strahan, of New-York, several years ago, and to have been written with a view of preventing "unbalanced bids." For some unknown reason it was not pressed. The action of Senator McCarthy in introducing the bill naturally excited the interest of DemocraticSenators in his proceedings In their opinion the bull is an indication that the Repub licans intend shortly to investigate thoroughly Commis ioner Thompson's "unbalanced bids."

Upon request of Senator McCarthy, the bill was ordered printed, in order that it may receive the early attention of the Committee on Cities. The bill is given in full

THE BILL.

Section 1 .- All work hereafter to be executed by or for Section 1.—All work hereafter to be executed by or for the City of New-York, or which is to be paid for from the treasury of said city, which shall involve an expenditure of \$250 or more, shall be approved by the counsel of the forms of which shall be approved by the counsel of the Corporation of said city and entered into by the head of the department having charge of the creetion of said work, founded on sealed bids and proposals made in compliance with public notice, advertised for at least twenty days in The City Record. Before any such work is advertised, specifications of the same describing the work as minutely, accurately and carefully as can be dose, the manner in which the same is to be executed and the insterial to be used in its performance with accompanying maps when necessary, shall formance with accompanying maps when necessary, shall rmance with accompanying maps when necessary, shall prepared by the head of the department and filed in

is office.

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HOW PROPOSALS SHALL BE MADE. No bid or proposal shall be accepted unless the same is companied by a certified check or draft, payable to the rder of said Controller upon some solvent incorporate bank in said city, for an amount not less than ile per centum of the expense involved in the contract according to such proposal, provided that no such check or draft shall be for less than \$100 nor for more than \$5,000. Nothing in this section contained shall be held to interfere with, hunder or delay the execution of any work for said city which requires on an emergency arising to be imme-diately proceeded with, when the necessity for having the same so executed shall be certified to by the Mayor of said city.

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Section 2.—At least five days notice must be given by the head of the department advertising for scaled proposals and bids to the Controller of said city of the date and place fixed for the opening of the same, and at the time and place so fixed, or at the adjourned meeting as bereinafter provided, and in the presence of the Controller, if he shall be in attendance, the bade shall be publicly opened by such head of department. The time for opening bidson proposals may be adjourned by the head of the department for any period not exceeding five days, and at least two days notice thereof must be given to the Controller to attend such adjourned meeting.

Section 3.—The lowest bid or proposal for work to be let on seeled bids or proposals shall be accepted by the need of the department, unless such officer shall, within three days after the bids are opened, certify in writing to he Mayor and Controller of said city that It would, in his the Mayor and Controller of said city that it would, in his opinion, be for the public interest that the same should be rejected, stating july in such certification the reasons for such opinion. If within ten days after such certification the Mayor and Controller shall concer in writing with the need of the department, such bid of proposals shall be rejected, but if said Mayor and Controller shall refuse or fail within said ten days to concur, then the head of the department shall accord such lowest bid. No such bid shall be rejected for any error in form, provided the person or persons making the proposals small within forty-eight hours after notice of such defect correct the same and make the proposal conform to the regulizaments of law or ordinance, and no advantage shall be taken by the person or persons making such bid, of any error in form, but on receiving notice of aforesaid, shall correct, the same in the manner above specified.

re specified, any person or persons after having received due on to correct such errors of form shall fall to do so, be they shall forfeit to sail effy the certified check or 1 so deposition by him or them as hereinbefore prod; and the amount of such certified check or draft to the threfore paid into the treasury of said city to credit of the Sinking Fand for the redemption of the debt.

cates, when received by him, before the Board of Estimate and Apportsonment of said city, and when a special appropriation is made by said board covering the expense of the work, or a general appropriation is made by such board specifically embracing and providing for such expense, the Controller shall indorse the amount of such appropriation upon the certificate of the head of the department and advise the department of such indorsement, whereupon the contract shall be entered into.

But the provisions in this section shall not apply in cases where a contract has been executed after a special appropriation has been made for any particular work, and when the contractor and his sureties have failed to proceed with the work and have abandoned the same as in the preceding section provided. Whenever the lowest bid for such abandoned work, when readvertised and relet, exceeds the amount of such special appropriation bid for such abandened work, when remiveruses and re-let, exceeds the amount of such special appropriation in which cases such excess shall be certified by the head of the department to the controller and by him laid before the Board of Estimate and Apportnoument, and no con-tract shall be entered into by the head of the department for the completion of the work until a further special ap-propriation is made providing for such excess.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS, Section 6.—No special appropriation shall at any time be made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for any work in excess of the amounts authorized by law to be expended during any one year for such purpose. In every instance where a special appropriation is made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in excess of the amounts authorized to be expended as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Controller to refuse to Indorse such appropriation upon the certificate of the head of the dopperment.

on 7. Before any contract is entered into. Section 7. Before any contract is entered into, as herein provided, the person (or persons) whose bid is accepted must satisfy himself (or themselves) as to all matters relating to the work to be performed, and by entering into the contract such person for persons) shall be excluded from thereafter raising any question or claims as to, or on account of any representation by the city or any officer (or officers) thereof, in reference to any matter or thing relating to said work.

The aggregate amount of the bid accepted as the lowest shall be inserted in the contract entered into, as the total consideration to be paid for the performance of the work according to the specifications. No extra work shall be authorized by or paid for under any contract.

Section 5—Whenever any contract entered into in pursuance of the provisions of this act shall be duly persuance of the provisions of this act shall be duly per-

Section 8—Whenever any contract entered into in pur-suance of the provisions of this act shall be duly per-formed to the satisfaction of the officer having in charge the subject matter thereof, the check or draft so depos-ited on the bid for such contract shall be returned to the persons or persons who deposited the same. Immediately upon the awarding of any contract the several cheeks and drafts deposited by the unsuccessful bilders shall be returned to them respectively. Nothing in this ac-contained shall prevent, finder or delay the recovery from any contractor and his sureties of the amount certi-red by the Controller herein authorized, when the con-tractor or his sureties fall to proceed with the work or absolute the controller herein specified.

appointed to perform or charged with performing any duty for the city, who knowingly shall include in any specification work not required or intended to be exe specification work not required or intended to be exe-cuted, or knowingly shall certify to the performance of any work which has not been executed, or to the performance of the same in accordance with not in fact in accordance therewith, shall be guilty of a mis-dementor. Every officer, employe or other person, who is charged with the duty of inspecting or supervising such work, or reporting upon the same to the head of the de-partment, shall be held to have knowingly given such

REFORM IN CITY CONTRACTS.

A BLOW AT THE "UNBALANCED BIDS" SYSTEM.

A BILL BY SENATOR M'CARTHY CHANGING THE PRESENT METHODS.

[PROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, Jan. 11.—Mr. Thompson's "unbalanced bids" must go. At least they will go if the Republican Legislature can have its will executed. Senator McCarthy, the Republican leader in the Senate, to-day introduced a bill which he believes will sweep away the "unbalanced bid" system in all the departments.

Section 10.—Inspectors and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange with the duty of superingents and all persons appointed to exhange after the carpital persons appointed to superingents and all persons appointed to exhange a perso

lepartment.

Section 11.—No person whose appointment is void as storesaid, or who being qualified as herein before qualified, is appointed inspector or superintendent of work, and who fails to be in daily attendance inspecting or supervising such work as the same proceeds, shall have any claim against or shall be paid or be entitled to reserve from the city, any sum or sums, whatever, for or on account of any services rendered as such inspector, superintendent or otherwise.

Section 12.—This act shall take effect immediately.

PROCEEDINGS IN BOTH HOUSES. ALBANY, Jan. 11 .- Senator Esty to-day reported favorably the bill providing for discretionary ex-mination of banks by the bank superintendent. Mr. Ellsworth, of the Judiciary Committee, reported adversely the bill to prohibit preferences in assignments, which was agreed to, also adversely Mr. Baker's bill to increase the number or notaries public and to transfer power to appoint them from the Governor to County judges. A motion by Mr. Baker to reconsider and table was carried.

A resolution, by Mr. Low, was adopted requesting the Capitol Commissioners to report the kind and amount of work done on the edifice during the year and the application of the appropriation of last year and the sum required to complete the interior and exterior, including the ower and what materials are purchased abroad. It was referred.

Mr. Bookwith in the Assembly offered a resolution that he house hold session every day ex cept Sundays during the entire session of the Legislature. It was laid over Mr. Beckwith gave notice that he would call up the reso-lation at an early day.

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Mr. G. H. Lindsay introduced a bill amending an act
governing the sale of drugs, medicines and poisons in
King's County by providing more stringent rules for
registration, examination, etc., of pharmacists.

Mr. Roosevelt, chairman of Assembly Ciries Committee, Mr. Roosevell, chairman of Assembly Chies committee, recently sent a letter to Speaker Sheard protesting against the clerk which the Speaker had assigned to the committee. The objection of Mr. Roosevelt was based on the fact that he could not have confidential relations with an individual with whom he was unacquainted. No answer having been received, Mr. Roosevelt this morning said that he would act as his own clerk until a satisfactory clerk is assigned to him.

THE COURTS.

THE FEUARDENT-DI CESNOLA CASE. AN OFFER FROM THE DEFENDANT TO SUBMIT DIS-

PUTED STATUES TO A TEST. Mr. Watson, one of the jurors concerned in he Feuardeut-Di Cesnola case did not put in appearance resterday morning. It was announced that he was sick, out would be on hand next week. Counsel agreed to go on without him, and the minutes of to-day's proceedings will be sent to him so that he can read them week's sessions begin. On Monday at 2:30, the Judge. jury, counsel and others concerned in the case, will meet the Museum building to examine the statue of the priest and that of the Hercules. This will be considered as a sitting of the court. Mr. Bangs began bis cross-ex-amination of Mr. Calverly yesterday morning, and that witness concluded his testimony before recess. There was a great deal of interesting sparring between Mr. Bangs and Mr. Choate. Mr. Bangs asked the witness if he could carve a mirror on the statue of Venus like the one there. He did not think he could if he tried. It was pretty bad carving. No. 14 was shown and Mr. Calvery said that the seam in the head was the work of nature and not the mark of a repair. Mr. Calverly tested it with a chisel. The head sounded hollow and to the surprise of everybody the section of stone outlined by the seam flew off and along the line of fracture appeared a mess-like growth that demonstrated that the piece thus

detached had never before been separated from the solid Mr. Choate—Mr. Bangs, will you please credit the daw-age on this status on your claim against us f Mr. Bangs—Certainly. Mr. Stemographer, please mak a note of it.

No. 6 was shown, and Mr. Calverly said that there were vidences of a dowel holding the two parts of the lead to

gether.

Mr. Bangs—Somebody told you.

Witness—I cannot say. But it is easy to see for oneself.

The print below the belt is not a newly cut surface. Wa
find scame in the best quality of stone. There are no evidences of a dowel in the body of the statue. It was one

witness—I cannot say. But it is easy to see for adart shall be therefore poid into the treasury of said city tobe.

Section 4.—If the lowest bild or proposal, be rejected, or if the necepied bilder shall refuse or neglect for three for the recept bilder shall refuse or neglect for three securities to the salidaction of the Controller or to excent with his survives the contract, the work sale bere advertised, and relat as hereinbefore provided, for the original advertising and letting; but the time above specified of three days may be extended by the Controller for not exceeding to make, When a contract the head of the department having charge of said work shall fail to the department having charge of said work shall give notice of such failure or abandonment to the sate days of the contractor, and it shall be the duty of such survives within ten days after said notice, to proceed with the work as hereinbefore provided, and upon the same being completed pursuant to readvertise and relect the work as hereinbefore provided, and upon the same being completed pursuant to readvertise and relect the work as hereinbefore provided, and upon the same being completed pursuant to readvertise and relect the work as hereinbefore provided, and upon the same being completed pursuant to readvertise and relect the work as hereinbefore and it shall be the day of said counties the same until completion of said city to the composal of the Corporation of said city to the receit of the Sinking Fand for the redempt in of the corporation to matter all actions and proceedings necessary to receiver said certify to the Corneller's the work, and contract to be paid and the corporation of the corporation of said city to the receit of the Sinking Fand for the redempt in of the corporation of said city to the credit of the Sinking Fand for the redempt in of the corporation to matter and accessing into any contract for the performance of the work, and contract to be paid controller's the controller's the said controller's the controller's the

into two or more pieces on any section the plaintiff may mine.

"We do now offer to allow the plaintiff to submit these two statues to a bath of potash, that being a bath which the plaintiff has specified as one satisfactory to him, the nature and strength of the bath to be defined by him."

The offer was practically declined, Mr. Bangs saying that the defendants might go on and do these things, but that they would not. The next session in the court-room occurs next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

STOCKS ALLEGED TO BE WORTHLESS, Frank T. Butler and Robert J. D. Mackie have

begun suit separately in the Supreme Court against Richard P. Lounsbery, Ben Ali Haggin, James B. Haggin and Wells, Fargo & Co., the former to recover \$76,000 and the latter \$28,000. The plaintiffs are stockholders in the Excelsior Mining and Water Company of California. the Excelsior Mining and Water Company of California. They charge that the defendants and others conspired to increase the capital stock of the company from \$4,000,000, and to have it listed in the Stock Exchange of this city. By this means, it is asserted, the defendants soid \$8,000 shares of the stock, which was worthless. The planniffs invested heavily in the stock and they accordingly, in behalf of others as well as for themselves, have begun an action for damages.

THE COURT OF APPEALS. ALBANY, Jan. 11 .- The following is the Court of Appenia day calendar for January 14: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. Washington, Jan. 11.-The proceedings of the Supreme Court of the United States to-day were as

I. M. Bariow, surviving executor and truster, etc. Argu-nt continued for the appearso and concluded for the appolaries.

No. 112—The Hinois Central Ratiroad Company, appellant, agt. Laura B. Turrid, administratrix of T. H. Turrid, deceased; and No. 115—The Michigan Southern and Northern fusions allieroad Company, appellant, agt Laura B. Turrid, administratrix of S. H. Turrid, deceased. Argument commenced for the appellants and continued for the appellants.

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS MADE SLOPPY ..

The coating of ice which covered the city's pavements and sidewalks on Thursday night remained for an hour or two yesterday morning and made walking difficult and hazardous. Then a warm rain began taking and the ice was soon transformed into thin, sloppy mud. The air was raw and chilling and the rain fell in a steady drizzle throughout the day. The thermometer registered 35° at 6 a.m., 30° at 9 a.m., 38° at noon, and 30° at 330 p. m. The thick coating of ice and dirt which still covered he piles of snow in many of the streets prevented the rain from meeting and washing away the snow rapally. In the afternoon there was only enough of rain to keep the mud soft.

Shortly after six o'clock the dripping rain changed suddenly to a moist, heavy snow, which came down by fits and starts, changing occasionally to rain rose rapidly, and the temperature fell at a rapid rate.

partinent, shall be field to have knowing; given a certificate, when the same is not true, unless be can satisfactority show to the contrary. Any person in this section referred to who makes or gives a false certificate as to the performance or execution of any work shall also forfeit his office or employment and all salary or pay due